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Assignee:

Cisco Technology, Inc.

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COMMUNICATIONS THROUGH A FIREWALL

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Applicants hereby appeal the Final Rejection of Claims 107-147 and 165-181 in the Examiner's Final Office Action of June 26, 2006 to the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences.

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